

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

Today's Hymns: CW #484; CW #608; CW #807; CW #927

WELCOME

CHALLENGING TRUTHS: *Serve God with money; you can't serve God & money.*

Opening Hymn:

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Christian Worship, Hymn # 484



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der for soul and
3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion has brought you
4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing, be yours, O



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
bod - y, no - bly joined; I praise you, guard - ian kind and
down to ran - som me. Your pit - ying heart sought my sal -
Spir - it of all grace, whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
ten - der, for all the dai - ly joys I find so rich - ly
va - tion; you bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly, brought me from
teach - ing give me a - mong your saints a place. What - ev - er



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me.
spread on ev - 'ry side and free - ly for my use sup - plied.
bond - age full re - lease, made me your own, and gave me peace.
good by me is done is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

ABSOLUTION

M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY--*Kyrie*

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

(CW #608)



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, washed us from each



God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; glo - ry be to him who bought us,



great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,



glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry to the Lamb that once was slain!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray. O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

¹¹As goods increase, so do those who consume them.

And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? ¹²The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

¹³I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:

wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, ¹⁴or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit. ¹⁵Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶This too is a grievous evil:

As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind? ¹⁷All their days they eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger.

(Our lesson continues on the next page.)

¹⁸This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

¹Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶“ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

 The Gospel of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day:

All Depends on Our Possessing

Christian Worship, Hymn #807



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me and to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting o - ver tri - fles
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting things that have no sol - id ground.
heart will quick - en; all my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en in their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, he who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure that will bring me
To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure and that now is sel - dom found.
I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.

- 5 **Well he knows what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never;
as God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to him my way.**

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676
Tune: adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; Johann Löhner, 1645–1705
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Luke 16:1-13

“Who Is the Master?”

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

C Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

M Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

C Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

M The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

C Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

M Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

G **Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

M Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

G **Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

M Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

(Silent prayer.)

M Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

G **Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

G **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Christian Worship, Hymn #927



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879
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BE SEATED

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Music Today—Judy Mangin
9/20	B-Team Volleyball at SJSJ (5:00pm & 7:00pm)
9/21	Music Committee Meeting at 6:00pm
9/23	A-Team Volleyball at Brillion (4:00pm, 5:00pm & 6:00pm)
9/24	Soccer Tournament (K-8) at New Holstein

Sunday, September 18

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—8:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau; **10:15 am Ushers—**Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners—9/5-18** Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida; **9-19 to 10-2** Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee—**Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Sunday, September 25—8:00 am Ushers—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel **10:15 am Ushers—**Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners—9-19 to 10-2** Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee—**Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

MINISTRY RESERVE FUND—We have started a fund for our Second Pastor to help defray costs involved in adding another Pastor. If you wish to give to the Ministry Reserve Fund please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark it as **Ministry Reserve Fund or 2nd Pastor Fund** and place it in the offering plate. As of August 31st we have \$36,385 in the Ministry Reserve Fund. We lost some because of the drop in the stock market.

DIVINE CALL—Pastor Gregory Lyon has returned the call we extended to him to serve as our Youth & Outreach Pastor. We pray that God will continue to bless Pastor Lyon & his family as he carries on his ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, WI. Our next call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd to be held in unison with our Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS—Our fiscal budget year has ended on June 30, 2022. Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00 am. Items on the agenda are 1) Call 2nd Pastor, 2) Everyone Outreach, 3) Budget Short-Fall, 4) Messenger Platform. An email has been sent to all committee chairmen to turn in your annual reports as soon as possible. This will give our secretary time to format the report and get it back to the congregation in a timely manner. **We are missing some reports if you have not turned in your report please do so as soon as possible.**

HEATING SYSTEM—On Sunday May 22nd our voters decided to go ahead with a new heating system for our 1961 addition. The cost is \$49,975.00. For funding this project, we will take \$8,500.00 from the LaVerne Treichel estate, \$5,000.00 from Scrip and \$15,000.00 from Fund A in the Endowment Fund. This leaves about \$25,000 for the congregation to take care of. We will have a special offering from June 19th to September 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or 920-860-9379. Presently given—\$ 27,855.00.

WORSHIP ADDITION—A additional Thursday evening service will be held on Oct.6,2022 due to Packer game in London. Both 8:00am and 10:15am services will be held on October 9, 2022.

MISSION FESTIVAL—The Mission festival is taking place on October 16, 2022. Rev. Paul Janke, who recently retired as chairman for the Board for World Missions, has agreed to preach and give a presentation about WELS World Missions.

MESSENGERS SERVICES RESUME—Starting on October 2nd and the first Sunday of each month after that, the Messengers will again be leading the musical portion of the service.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP—SJSJ will begin serving coffee, cappuccino, and hot chocolate on Sundays starting at 7:30am (before early service) until after late service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie for our members. Coffee, etc. will be served in both the commons and narthex area.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers to help make and serve coffee, cappuccino, and hot chocolate on Sundays starting at 7:30am throughout the year. If interested in doing so there is a sign up sheet in the West Church

office. When the Evangelism committee gets enough individuals to participate a schedule will be put together and disbursed out to our volunteers.

CRAFT FAIR—On November 5, 2022, St John St. James Church will be hosting a handmade items only craft fair in the School Commons Area. We are looking for craftspeople from local WELS churches to show their skills and talents that God has granted them. Please contact Dan Duchow at 754-4751 or Bethany Christensen at 847-902-2527 or email at uncommongiggles@gmail.com for more information. Vendor applications are available in the west office and the school office.

OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION—NOW HIRING! Cindy has decided to further a different career path and will be leaving our staff. We are looking for someone to fill her position as Office Assistant. If you are interested in the Office Assistant position please pick up a job description and application in the School or West Church office. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Aden (920) 277-0101, Dan Duchow (920) 860-9379 or Amanda Schrubbe (920) 754-4432.

LADIES AID—There will be a Ladies Aid meeting in the Commons on Monday, September 19th at 4:00 pm. See you there!

LWMS FALL RALLY—The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society's Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 8th from 8:30-Noon, at First German Lutheran Church, Manitowoc. Pastor Daniel Lor, pastor of Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, will speak of the inspiring story of our Hmong brothers and sisters in Christ. Attendees will vote on where to direct the Fall Rally offerings to either the Hmong Outreach in Vietnam or Pastoral Studies Institute, both apply to this rally's presenter. Men, women, young women of upper grade, high school and college age are invited to attend.

HEAD CHEERLEADING COACH—St. John - St. James is in need of a head cheerleading coach for the 2022-2023 basketball season. Practices are usually held one day a week after school. Cheerleaders will cheer for all home A-boys basketball games. Girls in grades 3-8 are eligible to be a part of the cheerleading squad. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Phil Stuebs(pstuebs@stjohnstjames.com). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Stuebs or our former head cheerleading coach, Mrs. Sarah Marohn (smarohn@stjohnstjames.com).

VOLLEYBALL SCORERS TABLE & LINE JUDGES—Volunteers are needed for the scorers table & line judging for our upcoming home volleyball matches on the following dates: September 20th—B-Team (5:00, 6:00, 7:00pm) This is a great opportunity for our volleyball parents to volunteer and still be able to watch your child play!! High school students are welcome to sign up. We will train anyone who has any questions or doesn't quite know what they need to do. Your help is needed & greatly appreciated!! Please contact Mr. Stuebs (pstuebs@stjohnstjames.com) if you are willing to help.

BUDGET SHORTFALL—In the budget Shortfall letter that was sent out a few weeks ago, we stated that we borrowed \$20,000 from Charities that needs to be paid back. Since that letter was sent to our members, we had to borrow another \$10,000 to meet our budget needs for a total of \$30,000 that needs to be paid back. As of last week, \$ 8600 has been given to pay the loan back. We thank you very much for your offerings. God willing, moving forward into the Fall months, we should be doing better with our budget. Budget Shortfall Needed-\$30,000, Given-\$8600. Remaining needed- \$21,400.

TABLES—We have purchased new plastic tables for the commons area with a memorial that was given. We are now offering several of the old tables to our members. If you would like a table, please contact Dan Duchow at 754-4751 or 860-9379. If you would like a table, we are asking for a free will donation.

Everyone Outreach

St. John St. James is participating in an exciting new program called Everyone Outreach. The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is equipped and encouraged to reach the lost in our community. *E.O.* kicks off with an Interactive 2-day workshop on Saturday November 12th from 8-noon and Sunday November 13th 12-4pm at St. John St. James. Each participant will leave the workshop with sustainable ways to personally help build our congregation's outreach culture. Register for the workshop online at stjohnstjames.com and click on the Everyone Outreach link, or use the sign-up sheet in the west office at church If childcare is needed please let us know on the on-line registration or the sign-up sheet in the west church office. If you have any Questions, you can Visit everyoneoutreach.com or contact Arlie Olp, Corey Marohn or Pastor Aden.

SJSJ Building Fund Account		
August 2022		
08/01/2022		\$23,892.86
<u>Deposits</u>		
In Honor Of/Memorials	\$25.00	
8/1/2022	\$1,740.00	
8/9/2022	\$855.00	
8/16/2022	\$3,210.00	
8/23/2022	\$1,930.00	
8/30/2022	\$1,180.00	
Electronic Offerings	\$1,060.00	
Total Deposits	\$10,000.00	
<u>Withdrawals</u>		
Member Loan Interest Payments	\$225.00	
Transfer to Loan (August Payment)	\$4,685.00	
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Total Withdrawals	\$9,595.00	
Ending Balance		\$24,297.86
Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project		
\$842,425.71		
Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project		
\$380,000.00		

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—SEPT. 5—11, 2022

Church Attendance: Sunday 8:00am—127 10:15 am—89 Total: 216
Offerings: General Fund—\$ 5,869.75, Synod—\$ 74.00, MLHS—\$ 69.00—
Total \$ 6,012.75
Special Offerings: Building Fund: \$ 3,112.00 , (needed each week \$2,312)
Ministry Reserve—\$ 103.25
Budget Short-Fall—\$ 5,550.00
Heating System—\$ 100.00